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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. TEAPOT TEMPEST COOLS US-ARGENTINE RELATIONS

AS A RESULT OF DISTORTED PUBLIC ALLEGATIONS OF US INTER-FERENCE IN ARGENTINE INTERNAL AFFAIRS, PRESSURE IS MOUNTING WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE CHARGE KREBS PERSONA NON GRATA. EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES REPORTS THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO KEEP THE EMBASSY MEMORANDA ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC LEGISLATION IN PERSPECTIVE. CHARGE KREBS RECOMMENDS THE DEPARTMENT CALL IN THE ARGENTINE CHARGE FOR A FULL AND FRANK DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) BUENOS AIRES 5642, 8/1 (EXDIS).

2. FRENCH ARE CRITICAL OF US-SOVIET AGREEMENT

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A DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY THE

HAGUE THAT, AT A RECENT EC MEETING ON THE US-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, THE FRENCH TOOK A HIGHLY CRITICAL STANCE IN CONTRAST TO THE OTHER EIGHT MEMBERS. THE OFFICIAL CONTENDED THAT THE FRENCH REACTION IS SYMPTOMATIC OF THE UNSETTLING EFFECT ON FRENCH POLICY OF

SUCH DEVELOPMENTS AS THE IMPROVEMENT IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS, MBFR, THE YEAR OF EUROPE AND CSCE, WHEREIN FRANCE FINDS ITSELF UNABLE TO PLAY ITS COVETED ROLE. (SECRET)
THE HAGUE 3363, 8/1.

3. DUTCH PESSIMISTIC ON EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY THE HAGUE, THE DUTCH ARE DISSATISFIED ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE JULY 23 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. THEY WERE CLEARLY FRUSTRATED BY THE LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS OR GENUINE DECISIONS AT THE MEETING. REFERRING TO THE PROPOSED TRIP TO EUROPE BY PRESIDENT NIXON, THE EMBASSY SAYS THE DUTCH "FEEL EUROPE IS SIMPLY NOT READY TO MEET THE US THIS FALL, AT LEAST NOT IN THE PRODUCTIVE WAY THE US WANTS." (CONFIDENTIAL) THE HAGUE 3345, 8/1. ROGERS

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